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Thunder Bay moves through Niagara

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PORT COLBORNE — Canada Steamship Lines' newest vessel, the Thunder Bay, fits snugly in the locks of the St. Lawrence Seaway with just centimetres to spare — and it was designed that way, according to company president Louis Martel.



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Thunder Bay's chief mate Blake Brunelle, from Vancouver, B.C., looks out of the bridge of the Canada Steamship Lines vessel as its sits docked on the east side of the Welland Canal in Port Colborne.

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THUNDER BAY

Ship just fits into Welland Canal locks

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"It's called a seaway max vessel. It's 740 feet (223.5 metres) long and 78 (23.76 metres) wide," Martel said at a Wednesday morning ceremony at the Snider Docks on the east side of the Welland Canal in Port Colborne.

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Canada Steamship Lines is a division of The CSL Group, the world's largest owner and operator of self-unloading ships. Headquartered in Montreal with divisions based in the United States, the United Kingdom, Norway, Singapore and Australia, CSL delivers more than 70 million tonnes of cargo annually for customers in the construction, steel, energy and agri-food sectors. Trillium Class is a trademark of The CSL Group.

Locks in the St. Lawrence Seaway system, which stretches from the St. Lawrence River to Lake Superior, are 233.5 metres long, and 24.4 metres wide.

Martel said *Thunder Bay*, marking its maiden voyage Wednesday transiting the Welland Canal and seaway with a full load onboard, is the third of four double-hulled vessels built by Canada Steamship Lines, part of The CSL Group, and is a Trillium Class ship. The other two vessels in the fleet are *Bale St. Paul* and *Whitefish Bay*.

"It was designed and built with all of the latest technol-



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

TOP: A look from the bow of *Thunder Bay* down the deck toward the bridge. **RIGHT:** Capt. Murray Latham, left, and Canada Steamship Lines president Louis Martel stand in front of CSL's newest vessel, *Thunder Bay*. The vessel, full of iron ore pellets, was stopped in Port Colborne for a special ceremony last week.

ogy on the market ... and designed with the environment in mind. It has the latest engines and is very fuel-efficient."

It's expected that the vessel will save about 750 tonnes of fuel a year, amounting to nearly carbon emissions reductions of 2,400 tonnes. Martel said the vessel will be less costly to operate.

"*The Thunder Bay* is the first ship in the Great Lakes not only to have a bow thruster, but a stern thruster as well. It increases manoeuvrability."

It also has a dynamic positioning system, which uses

satellites, along with the ship's propulsion system to keep the ship in position with no assistance from the crew or captain.

Martel said *Thunder Bay* also makes its own fresh water.

Before making it to the fresh waters of the St. Lawrence River and Great Lakes, *Thunder Bay* spent two months travelling the salt waters of the Pacific, Caribbean and Atlantic oceans as it made its way from the Chengdu Shipyard in Jiangyin, China.

Asked why the ships were built in China — a job that takes between 18 and 24 months — Martel said at the time CSL decided to build them, there were no shipyards in Canada capable of building them.

The Canadian government removing a 25% duty imposed on foreign-built vessels also factored into the decision.

"The government realized the ships couldn't be built here."

Martel said in addition to four Trillium Class self-unloaders, CSL, which is celebrating its 100th anniver-



sary, will also take delivery of two bulk carriers sometime next year as part of its fleet replacement program.

After the ceremony, which saw St. Catharines Conservative MP Rick Dykstra, Port Colborne Mayor

Vance Badaway and Martel speak — and all greeted by blasts of *Thunder Bay's* horn, the vessel was headed to Quebec City to discharge its load of iron ore pellets that were loaded in Escanaba, Mich.

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■ WIND ENERGY: April Jeffs irked by accusations of NIMBYism

Turbines trouble for Wainfleet hamlets, mayor says



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The field where two Wainfleet Wind Energy Inc. wind turbines will be erected sits behind Mayor April Jeffs. In the background are homes that will have a view of the large towers. Jeffs said too many people wrongly believe the towers won't be near homes in the township and that Wainfleet is a vast open space.

DAVE JOHNSON
InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET — Wainfleet isn't as vast and wide open a rural landscape as people think it is, says Mayor April Jeffs, standing not far from where two wind turbines will be erected.

"There's this perception that homes are far away from each other, I hear it all the time."

Jeffs says Wainfleet may be one of the larger municipalities in Niagara in terms of geographical area, but the rural landscape is broken up by pockets of homes and hamlets that will make it difficult for turbines not to be seen.

The site of two of Wainfleet Wind Energy Inc.'s planned turbines is off Station Rd., which runs between Concession 1 and Lakeshore Rd., and there are at least a few homes which will have a view of them.

"The turbines are going to be bigger than the ones in the Lowbanks-Highbanks area of Haldimand. They'll really

stand out."

Tom Rankin, one of the partners in Wainfleet Wind Energy Inc., doesn't agree with Jeffs' assessment about Wainfleet's spacing.

Rankin says there are homes near the Station Rd. site, but the other sites, near Sideline 22 off of Concession 1, doesn't have many homes near it all.

Jeffs says township residents are very concerned about the turbines, especially when it comes to health effects and property values.

"We've heard of people walking away from their homes in other municipalities because they don't want turbines nearby."

The mayor says some people in Wainfleet have suggested they may do the same once turbines from both Wainfleet Wind Energy Inc. and Niagara Region Wind Corp. go up.

She says others may go to Municipal Property Assessment Corp. and request their properties be reassessed.

"All it takes is for one or two

properties to be reassessed and it will snowball from there."

With residential properties making up most of Wainfleet's tax base, a reduction in property taxes would be a big blow and hamper things such as road repairs.

"It's a bad situation all around."

Rankin says the talk of noise, health effects and property devaluation is all a "bunch of nonsense."

"Noise is not an issue ... there's more noise with the wind and leaves rustling, and animals, than with the windmills," he says, adding the company has carried out studies.

Health effects, he says, have been studied worldwide and experts have determined there are no adverse effects.

"Their (opponents') arguments have no substance ... they don't have a scientific leg to stand on in my opinion."

As for property values, he says, in places like Bruce County and Chatham-Kent, farmland has increased in

value.

Jeffs says people from outside the township have told her turbines could be good for Wainfleet, putting the township on the map.

"We'll only have 15 to 20 turbines, other municipalities will have a couple hundred. How will that put us on the map? Is it worth it? We'll only get minimal power from these turbines."

Wind turbines aren't going to attract people to the township, she says. A place such as Skydive Burnaby, which could be affected by the siting of two of the towers, brings people to Wainfleet and puts it on the map.

"We've already seen one skydive facility move out of of Haldimand," she says, referring to Niagara Skydive Centre now located at Niagara Central Airport in Pelham.

Jeffs says residents are genuinely worried about their health and property values, adding that's why she and township council have been so vocal against turbines.

"We get accused of NIMBYism, but it's OK



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

Wainfleet council was disappointed in the decision by Welland riding MPP Cindy Forster to vote along party lines against the recent Local Municipality Democracy Act bill. The bill sought to give control back to municipalities when it comes to decisions on where wind turbine projects, like this one seen in nearby Lowbanks, would be located.

for people in Oakville and Mississauga to band together and fight the gas plants and wind turbines. She says Gord Harris was in favour of them and during a public meeting a crowd of 125 people never raised an objection. Rankin first proposed wind turbines for Wainfleet several years ago, before the province changed the qualifications and rules surrounding them.

Construction Inc. says he doesn't know why Jeffs is making such a fuss over the turbines. He says the former Gord Harris was in favour of them and during a public meeting a crowd of 125 people never raised an objection. Rankin first proposed wind turbines for Wainfleet several years ago, before the province changed the qualifications and rules surrounding them.

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ourview

Exotic pets don't belong in homes

Pit bulls are the only pets banned in Ontario today. And pit bulls are a breed of dog, not snakes.

Community Safety Minister Madeleine Meilleur said the province is reviewing a patchwork of exotic pet rules following the deaths of two young boys in New Brunswick.

Connor and Noah Barbaree are believed to have been strangled by a large African rock python. Their deaths made headlines around the world.

Exotic pets in Ontario are regulated by municipalities, Meilleur told QM Agency. "We have laws to protect the animals" but nothing to protect people.

In our rural area, most homes have a cat or two and a pet dog that help control livestock, predators and missionaries carrying pamphlets. Few have snakes for pets. Snakes are now viewed as a necessary evil in most agricultural communities.

The most dangerous snakes in this region are Massassauga rattlers and so far they're seen only occasionally, well to the north of us, even though they seem to be slithering closer each year. Keeping snakes at their distance is not as common in other parts of the world.

The Daily Telegraph reported in 2008 that reptiles had become more popular pets than dogs in the U.K. The number of snakes, geckos and bearded dragons was calculated by the British Federation of Herpetologists (BFH), which found eight million being kept as pets. The dog population was about 6.5 million.

A BPH spokesman said, "They (reptiles) are far more suitable as pets than are animals which are as more traditional pets ... Reptiles fit today's modern lifestyle as the world changes and it will also be easier to keep, than other traditional pet species."

Not everyone agrees. In the U.S., the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta says these creatures can carry germs that make people sick. Of greatest importance is salmonellosis, a disease associated with the salmonella bacteria. An estimated 70,000 people south of the border get the disease through contact with reptiles each year.

Humane societies across Canada generally oppose keeping exotics as pets, although they are much more vocal about mostly non-existent injuries to cattle during calving at rodeos.

Hopefully, Ontario's review of legislation will take into account all the aforementioned negatives and conclude that dangerous snakes belong in their natural habitat or perhaps making an occasional appearance on a plane in the movies. They don't belong in homes, particularly where children are present.

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■ I'VE BEEN THINKING....

Faith is part of our lives

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So I'm suffering from a bit of writer's block. Normally when my turn to write for this column approaches I have an idea percolating, something "I've Been Thinking" about, something to write about. I'm actually writing this early because I'm in the middle of preparations to go on vacation. So while I've been doing my church work and the work around the house that needs to be done, I've been a bit more mumbley about it because a ho-hum is incompatible with going on vacation. I'm so excited.

See, for 15 years we've had pop-up trailers that we go camping in. We're on our second used pop-up trailer in those 19 years and we've had this one for something like nine or ten years. We bought this one from the secretary who used to work at our church. It has served us well and continues to serve us well. We've thought about upgrading, maybe buying a somewhat new, better trailer, but the old trailer sits in the driveway or the backyard for 50 weeks out of the year. There's no good reason for us to spend

a lot of money on something new when the trailer we have still serves us so well.

Years ago we took the trailer up to Sandus Beach on Lake Huron. It was a three-hour drive from Burlington, where we lived at the time. But for the past 11 summers we've been heading in the other direction.

From Port Colborne it's a little under three hours (depending on possible border delays) to our favourite campground in the country outside of Bath, NY. Until we found that place I'd never been to the Adirondack Lakes. Wow. It's really beautiful. And it's become our go to place every summer.

And for me that is summer. Some years we considered skipping the camping trip because we'd spent quite a bit on a winter vacation but rather than forgo it altogether we made it one week instead of two. And so far we're able to make it a whole family vacation. The kids are getting older but they still want to go on our family camping trip even though the oldest isn't even a teenager anymore.

That's probably what I love the most about our summer camping trip. It's

the time with my family. The setting is certainly beautiful. In a campground nestled among the sites of a lake covered with white pines and hills stretching off into the distance.

And it's nice to have a break, to get away from the routine, to not have a schedule. But I love it so much because I'm with people I love so much. Sitting around a campfire, roasting marshmallows and hot dogs, telling silly stories, singing silly songs. It's just about my favourite thing in the world to do.

Well, I guess I've overcome my writer's block. But I usually expect this column to have some kind of spiritual, or religious, or faith aspect to it. I guess it does. God is love and God has created us to enjoy relationships with people we love. Faith is not just about church-y stuff. It's a part of our whole lives. I guess it can even include playing charades or quoting lines from Monty Python movies around the campfire.

I hope you, too, have one of those special times and special times with the ones you love.

May God bless your summer and your family.

■ I'VE BEEN THINKING....

About change

FATHER DAVID GRAHAM SCOTT
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Yes, change is the only constant almost. The seasons change, planted seeds change into wheat or trees or whatever. Children change with every year, if not every month. Adults are known even to have changed their minds on many topics after election. But there is something unchangeable about God: his love, his mercy, his justice, his holiness.

We human beings were created in God's image and likeness; male and female he created us. God also created us with free will, and mankind long ago chose to disobey his commandment. Yet God in his love did not abandon us, but let his sun shine and his rain fall on everyone. And about four thousand years ago he chose Abram and his seed to bring us his blessing of grace and truth.

God renamed Abram Abraham and his wife Sarai Sarah, entering into a covenant with them and their seed. Abraham brought obedient and committed faith to God's call and covenant, and God deemed his faith as righteousness. Abraham and Sarah waited many years before Sarah finally gave birth to Isaac. Isaac means laughter and reminds us of Abraham and Sarah's peace and joy in believing.

It took two thousand years to prepare Abraham's descendants for the virgin birth of the seed promised when mankind fell into disobedience and mortality (Genesis 3). Two thousand years shows us how difficult it is for us humans to change from disobedience to faith, hope and love. Two thousand years also shows how firm and unwavering is God's love for us.

St John put it in this nutshell: "God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Like Abraham the father of all believers (Romans 4), the Virgin Mary believed in God's plan for her, and she gave birth to God's only-begotten Son, Jesus. Jesus means Saviour. He is Saviour because he is the new Adam, the Lamb of God and the Victor over sin and death.

Yoked with him, buried with him, clothed with him, we become a new creation, we are changing from sinfulness and mortality to uprightness and immortality, we are a new creation.

But just as it took decades of faith for Abraham to see the birth of his only son, so it takes decades for most of us to accept the radical and wholesale change that God wants for us.

God wants us to reflect his love, mercy, justice and holiness. God wants

us to produce the fruit of repentance and the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5). God wants us to be holy (1 Thessalonians 4:7; 1 Peter 1:15-16). God wants us to change, not only by grace, but by the obedience of faith. God wants us to become what we are.

This becoming what we are in Christ is a radical change. It is also a possible change, a possible change, a change involving a helping hand, an encouragement of your yoke-fellow, Jesus Christ.

St Paul bears witness to the reality of change for the better: "Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortors will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you."

"But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God" (1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

A monk was once asked how monks managed to live that kind of life. He said that they fall and get up again, fall and get up again. Repentance is the key to change for the better.

Turning in faith to God whose love never changes is the key to the holiness that he wills for us. Faith working through love is the key to change from death to life with the God of the living (Mark 12:26-27).

■ DEMONSTRATION: Zimbabwe culture alive in Pelham

Mystery in stone

MARYANN FIRTH
InPort News Staff

PELHAM — With each swing of the mallet, a cloud of dust exploded into the air.

The ash grey substance coated Jonathan Mhondoruhama's hands as he worked feverishly to bring his vision to life.

The world-renowned Zimbabwean stone carver captivated visitors at Hamiton's of Pelham Saturday, working away in the Ridgeview gallery's backyard garden as crowds gathered to watch.

Mhondoruhama's demonstration, in which he created a statue of a woman holding a butterfly, was only part of the day's festivities celebrating art and culture from Zimbabwe.

Shop owners Dick and Janet Hamilton have been inspired by the artwork of the African nation and wanted to share their love for the culture with the community. The celebration also acted as the grand opening of the Camboro Rd. business, which first opened its doors in December.

Along with Hamiltons of Pelham's own collection of sculptures, an exhibit by Mystery in Stone, a local artist collective from Zimbabwe filled the garden with 100 stone pieces.

Each piece has its own story to tell, said Tawanda Sarireni, Mystery in Stone's chairman. Some tell tales of the country's culture and history, while others have more universal concepts.

All pieces, which remain on display in the shop, are available for purchase and a minimum 15% of each sale supports the group's Art for Aids campaign.

The funds are used to educate people in Zimbabwe about HIV and prevention, and to provide much-needed ongoing treatments for those who have already been diagnosed positive.

Mystery in Stone travels around the world sharing arts and crafts work and raising money for the campaign. After spending another month in Pelham, the group is heading to Budapest for its next exhibition.

"Communities embrace it, because it helps to give life to those who may not have it otherwise," Sarireni said.

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■ CANAL DAYS: Optimist Club fundraiser finds new home at Vale centre

Craft show venue was a huge hit

VICTORIA GRAY
Input News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — A celebration as unique as Port Colborne's Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival needs to give visitors a unique shopping experience.

The Optimist Club of Port Colborne takes care of that with its annual craft show.

This year the show moved

to Vale Health and Wellness Centre on Elizabeth St. — it had been at Westside Arena. Longtime vendors including Shirley Waldie of Waldie's Woodworking were worried days before the show people wouldn't be able to find the show's new location.

"It seems we worried for nothing because there seems to be a good crowd out," Waldie said.

More than 2,000 people came through the Vale centre on Saturday and more were expected Sunday.

Optimist Club president Sue Brown said the venue was much larger and well lit this year allowing the club to spread out more than 40 vendors.

"It's always been a very successful show," she said. "I know people will find it because lots of people come to the city just for the show and even start their Christmas shopping."

The craft show is one of two annual fundraisers that keeps the club going. Last year it brought in more than \$50,000.

The club decided the move to an after school program at Dewitt Carter Public Elementary School and to Port Colborne Minor Baseball Association. It also funds a



VICTORIA GRAY Staff Photo

Owner of Rosewood Gardens in Sarnia, Norma Humphrey is pleased with the turnout at the Optimist Club of Port Colborne's Canal Days Craft Show at the Vale centre.

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ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE

Niagara Region Wind Corporation has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to build a high-voltage transmission line.

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Niagara Region Wind Corporation (Niagara) is asking the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for permission to construct approximately 44 kilometres of 115 kilovolt (kV) electricity transmission line and associated facilities. The line would connect the company's Niagara Region Wind Farm to the provincial power grid.

Niagara is also asking the OEB to approve the form of agreement it offers to landowners to use their land for routing or construction of the proposed line.

A map of the proposed route for the transmission line is printed below.

Niagara's application to the OEB hearing concerns construction of the proposed transmission line only. It does not concern the construction or operation of the Niagara Region Wind Farm itself.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The OEB will hold a public hearing to consider Niagara's requests. During this hearing, the OEB will consider evidence and arguments by Niagara and by individuals, municipalities and others whose interests would be affected.

THE OEB hearing will consider specific issues required by law.

The Ontario Energy Board Act specifies the issues the OEB is to consider in making its decision. If you wish to participate in the OEB hearing, it is important for you to understand what these issues are.

As required by the Ontario Energy Board Act the OEB will consider three issues:

- The interests of consumers with respect to prices and the reliability and quality of electricity service;
- In a manner consistent with the policies of the Government of Ontario, the promotion of the use of renewable energy sources; and
- The form of agreement that Niagara offers to landowners affected by the route or location of the transmission line.

The OEB hearing is not the only approval that Niagara requires. For example, the Ontario Ministry of the Environment will review environmental issues using its Renewable Energy Approvals process.

BE INFORMED

You have the right to information regarding Niagara's application. You can:

- Read Niagara's application on the OEB's website (See below under "Learn More").
- Sign up to be an observer, who will automatically receive documents for the hearing.

HAVE YOUR SAY

If you would be affected by the proposed transmission line, you may want to take an active role in the hearing. You can:

- Send the OEB a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing; or
- Ask the OEB for permission to be an active participant in the hearing (an intervenor). Intervenors can provide evidence, argue their positions and submit relevant questions to be answered by Niagara (interrogatories). To be an intervenor, a party must be affected by the transmission line in a way that relates directly to the issues the OEB will consider. If you wish to be an intervenor, the OEB must receive your request by August 27, 2013.

LEARN MORE

To read the documents concerning this hearing please go to the OEB website www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/, click on "Consumers" and enter file number EB-2013-0203 in the "Find an Application" box. You can also phone Nabil Mikhali at 1-866-632-6273 extension 103 or Stephen Vetsai at 1-866-632-6273 extension 182 with any questions.

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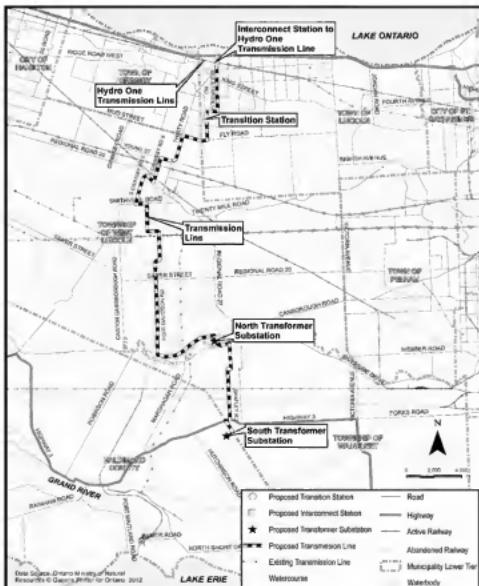
There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. The Board intends to use a written hearing for this case unless there is a good reason why an oral hearing is necessary. If you believe an oral hearing is necessary, you must provide written reasons to the OEB by August 27, 2013.

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If you write a letter with your comments, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the OEB's public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, address and email address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will be public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all your information will be public.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

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Artistic 'eye candy' on display in south Niagara

MARYANNE FIRTH
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Suzi

Dwór's studio is filled with, as she charmingly calls it, eye candy.

And the visual treats were

ready to be devoured by art enthusiasts last weekend.

Dwór was one of 24 artists who put not only



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Pharmacists WARTS

Warts are a common viral skin infection caused by human papilloma viruses. In general warts on the hands and feet are harmless and need resolve on their own. However, they can cause embarrassment and some discomfort. There are a couple of over-the-counter (OTC) remedies that work well to treat these kinds of warts.

Infection with HPV occurs with skin-to-skin contact. Warts are caused by viruses and are passed from person to person. A common way of contracting the virus is by walking barefoot in public pools, showers etc.

About 30% of warts clear spontaneously in six months and 65% to 78% clear in two years without any treatment. However, most people would like to resolve warts more quickly than this. Salicylic acid is a first line OTC option. This medicine slowly destroys virus-infected skin and may stimulate the immune response of the person infected through mild irritation, which in turn helps clear the infection. There are a number of salicylic products available. They range in concentration from 17% to 40%. A 40% product should be used for planar warts. The use of salicylic acid on flat warts is not recommended because of a potential risk of hypo- and hyperpigmentation (skin discolouration).

There is a bit of a regimen to follow with salicylic acid products. Before treatment the warts should be soaked in warm water for five minutes. Then, an emery board or pumice stone should be used to remove dead tissue. The salicylic acid treatment should then be applied. Treatment may need to be continued for up to 12 weeks. If the wart causes pain, patients can take acetaminophen or ibuprofen for the discomfort. Examples of OTC salicylic acid wort removal products include COMPOUND W, DR. SCHOLL'S CLEAR AWAY PLANTAR, and DUOFIRM WART REMOVER.

Cryotherapy (freezing) is another common wart removal treatment. This causes irritation and tissue destruction so that the individual mounts an immune response against the virus. Doctors typically use liquid nitrogen which freezes tissues to -196°C. There are also home cryotherapy systems available. These contain dimethyl ether and propane (DMEP). Examples include DR. SCHOLL'S FREEZE AWAY WART REMOVER, OX/COMPOUND W FREEZE OFF. Evidence shows DMEP and liquid nitrogen are fairly similar in efficacy. After application of cryotherapy a blister is formed under the wart. The frozen skin and wart falls off after a few days and reveals newly formed skin underneath. It is recommended that OTC cryotherapy only be repeated three times usually in ten day intervals.

The use of duct tape as a wart treatment has gained popularity. By putting duct tape over the wart they think the virus is deprived of oxygen which causes irritation and stimulates the immune response to the virus. Typical administration involves applying silver duct tape over the wart and removing a week later. Scrubbing the area with an emery board and leaving it open over night. Then reapplying duct tape. Silver duct tape has been shown to be more effective than clear duct tape, possibly because of the adhesive.

There are also a number of prescription products that can be used for warts if OTC treatments are ineffective. Patients with diabetes should consult their physician before beginning treatment for their warts. Also, genital warts must be treated by physician and are not suitable for treatment with OTC methods.

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MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo
Port Colborne artist Suzi Dwór works on a kimono made from paper in her Vimy Rd. studio during the South Niagara Artists Studio Tour on Saturday.

their work, but also their working space on display Saturday and Sunday during the second annual South Niagara Artists Studio Tour.

Every inch of her Vimy Rd. home studio is plastered with colorful artwork of various media.

The art educator and textile designer dabbles in jewelry making, clothing reconstruction and has found a niche

for creating garments out of paper.

While she's held numerous classes and workshops at various locations over the years, she's hoping to start hosting them at her studio in the near future — making the tour an ideal opportunity to welcome in the public.

"I want to have them come in, to experience the joy of creation and the colour," she said, calling her studio a "place of play."

"It's a place where people

can play without being intimidated by whether they've done this before or not."

Glassmaker Peter Gudrunas, who works out of Sirius Glassworks on Hwy. 3, said the tour was initiated in 2012 to help bring attention to the area's thriving arts community.

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MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo
Glassmaker Peter Gudrunas opened the doors to his Hwy. 3 studio at Sirius Glassworks as part of the South Niagara Artists Studio Tour this weekend.

ART



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Port Colborne artist Suzi Dvor works on a kimono made from paper in her Vimy Rd. studio during the South Niagara Artists Studio Tour on Saturday.

Tour included variety of artists

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It's intended, he said, to convince those who may be too shy to stop in a studio otherwise, to take a leap, take a glance and learn about the unique pieces of art being created right in south Niagara.

The free self-guided tour included artists from Wainfleet, Port Colborne, Cawthron Beach and Ridgeway, and featured a variety of mediums including pottery, acrylics, stain glass, wood carving, sculpture and jewelry, among others.

"For an artist, it's wonderful to get acknowledgement from the public and to open your studio to the community," said Cathy Peters, who helped to organize the event.

"Being an artist can be lonely, because you're in the studio by yourself a lot," she said, happy to welcome some friendly faces into her Lakeshore Rd. working space.

Peters, who works mainly with acrylics and watercolours, said studio tours provide people with a "different depth" of how the artwork is created.

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■ COURT

New dates are set in cheese smuggling case

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ST. CATHARINES — New court dates were set Thursday for two of the men accused of taking part in cross-border cheese smuggling.

Cornelius (Casey) Langelaan and Bernd Pollino will next appear Aug. 30 in a St. Catharines court.

The Fort Erie men were charged in September 2011 along with suspended Niagara Regional Police Const. Scott Heron, in what police called a "large-scale smuggling scheme" to bring cheese and other food into Canada from the United States.

Langelaan, a former NRP officer, was charged with conspiracy to smuggle goods and breach of trust.

Pollino, a civilian, was charged with conspiracy to smuggle goods. Heron was charged with conspiracy to commit the indicated offence of smuggling goods and breach of trust. His case was previously adjourned to Dec. 12.

All three face further charges under the Customs Act, including making a false or deceptive statement, evading compliance/evasion of duties and keeping, acquiring or disposing of illegally imported goods and smuggling.



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■ HONEY

How one small businesses created its own buzz

MARYANNE FIRTH
InPort News Staff

PORTE COLBORNE — When Mila Paperno moved to Port Colborne three years ago, she noticed a gap in what should be a buzzing market.

Unpasteurized honey seemed hard to come by and she needed a

way to find her fix.

Opting to take matters into their own hands, Paperno and partner Chris Pezoulas knew what they say was the next logical step — to become beekeepers.

They created a home on their large rural property for their new winged guests and began spreading word in the community of the

health benefits of the popular sweet treat.

That soon evolved into the desire to open a storefront, which came to fruition nine months ago at 216 West St.

The Honey Bee Store has since had the community buzzing, with a clientele base quickly developing from all over Niagara. "It's important to fill that niche market," said Pezoulas.

"We have people in the store that drive from St. Catharines or Niagara-on-the-Lake because they don't know where else to go."

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Chris Pezoulas, co-owner of The Honey Bee Store in Port Colborne, holds one of more than 20 types of unpasteurized honey available at the West St. business.



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Local beekeepers help supply product to Port Colborne store

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Though the honey in store is not made in Port Colborne, much comes from Niagara beekeepers, and it is all Canadian sourced.

"Local is best for you. It returns the good properties from the vegetation in the area, helps with allergies gets your immune system up, and

it's a good natural sweetener," Pezoulas said.

Though the store began with honey, its product line has evolved since its opening.

Along with about 20 types of unpasteurized honey in a variety of flavours, the store carries an array of bee-related products including beeswax candles, natural skincare products, shampoo, soaps,

honey butter, pure bee pollen, lozenges, sports drinks and honeycombs straight from the hive.

Its shelves are also filled with 80 kinds of loose-leaf tea, all which Papermo recommends with a shot of honey, and a variety of natural maple syrup from northern Ontario.

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MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo

Owners of The Honey Bee Store, Chris Pezoulas and Mila Papermo, have stocked not only honey but also loose leaf tea and a variety of natural maple syrup.

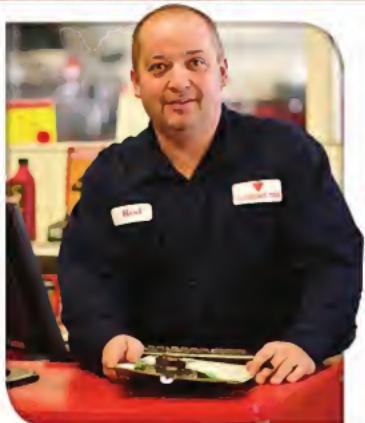


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Cathy Sutherland.

■ CATHY SUTHERLAND

Excited to be an NHS trustee

InPort News Staff

WELLAND — Cathy Sutherland began her career as a financial executive and chartered accountant. Sutherland's professional experience lead her to Home Capital Group Inc./Home Trust Company, where she spent several years in the finance division. She later became senior vice-president of finance.

Her responsibilities

included chief financial advisor to the chief executive officer, president and audit committee of the board. Sutherland guest lectures at Brock University, a committee member with the Hamilton YWCA Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, board member with Hamilton Health Sciences Volunteer Association where she currently sits as Chair of its Board Development Committee. Sutherland is retired and she and her husband Cam reside

Administration degree from Brock University. Her community activities include volunteer participation at the Hospice Centre in Welland, a committee member with the Hamilton YWCA Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, board member with Hamilton Health Sciences Volunteer Association where she currently sits as Chair of its Board Development Committee. Sutherland is retired and she and her husband Cam reside

in Welland.

Q: How do it feel to have been elected as a trustee?

As it's very exciting. There are a lot of changes coming to healthcare in Niagara, like the new hospital and I'm very committed to trying to make a great patient experience.

Q: What do you hope to contribute to the board?

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■ TRUSTEE

Helping out is not all about medicine

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A: As you know I have a strong financial background and I hope it can help with budget preparation. Healthcare funding is not increasing and if it does it will be marginal, so I hope my financial side could help in that area.

Q: Why would you get involved with the NHS board when you don't have a strong medical background?

A: I don't think it's all about medical background. I think you need a cross over

of people with many backgrounds like business, engineering, medical, business, etc. The more people that converge and the more diverse skill sets you can bring to the board allow you to feed off each others experiences. You need a real mixture for a good board.

Q: What is your favourite colour? Why?

A: My favourite colour is green because it reminds me of summer.

Q: Do you support the rec-

ommendation to build the new south Niagara hospital in Niagara Falls?

A: I support Dr Kevin Smith's report. I believe there has been a lot of analysis on this. They looked at all areas. Looking at what we have, no I don't think the dollars are there to support more hospitals.

Q: Considering the geography of Niagara Falls, is one south Niagara Hospital a possibility?

A: I don't think we would see enough money to support both hospitals. I think this model will work. We need to consolid-

ate services and by doing that we will get better care because all the specialists are in one place and the St. Catharines Hospital is proof positive that it's possible.

Q: Wouldn't it make more sense to retain the existing Welland hospital site and build a new hospital for Niagara Falls?

A: The Welland hospital is a good one. I don't think we would get the dollars to maintain it. It would be too costly. When the report came out I had the same rea-

tion as many other people in Welland — "how come they aren't looking at St. Catharines I really do believe there is an opportunity here."

During my time in Hamilton I learned they've specialized the hospitals and patients get good quality care. We can provide that same level of care in Niagara.

Q: If you could go back and talk to 18-year-old Cathy what would you know?

A: I don't think what I would say. When I was 18-years-old I was going to be a secretary and

I wasn't going to go to university. I might tell myself to take a look at my life, but I think I did that anyway.

Q: What do you think of the amalgamation of pediatrics and obstetrics?

A: Once again I had a (negative) reaction at first, but I go back to Hamilton and it's so superior to Niagara Falls and Welland (hospitals). More than 60 percent have been born in St. Catharines and I don't think people are finding it as bad as they thought they would.

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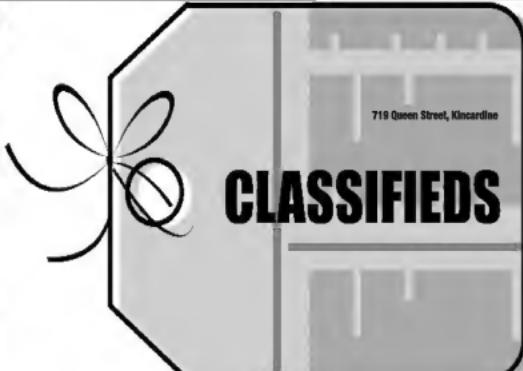
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